



VPAT Summary Report—IBM SPSS

This report is a summary of the Voluntary Product Accessibility Template (VPAT) for a specific product. It is intended to offer a quick view of the technical information in the VPAT and offer guidance for the product’s use in compliance with WCAG 2.1 level AA, for those less familiar with WCAG.

About

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Highest Standard Used: WCAG 2.1

Application Name: IBM SPSS

Access Type: Published on vendor website

Description and Primary Purpose or Most Common Use Case of Application:

IBM SPSS Statistics is a comprehensive, easy-to-use set of predictive analytic tools for academics, business users, analysts, and statistical programmers.

VPAT lists conformance level for Electronic Docs and Software. This summary combines counts for simplicity. For example, where IBM indicates a criterion is not applicable to a component (Electronic Docs) but is supported by the other component (Software), the summary simply lists “Supports” for the entire product on that criterion. Where it is supported by one but partially by the other, the summary will just list “Partially Supports” for the entire product on that criterion.

Compliance Scope:

Application is accessed by end user directly (e.g. D2L, Banner, etc.): **Yes**

Application produces content accessed by end user through other platforms (e.g. Adobe InDesign, etc.) **No**

Overview and Recommendation

According to the VPAT, this is how many criteria are supported, partially supported, or not supported in the A and AA tables.

Supports: **33**

Partially Supports: **3**

Does Not Support: **1**

Not Applicable: **12**

Initial Concerns and Recommendation:

Overall, SPSS seems to have just a few accessibility issues and they are very specifically delineated in the VPAT as belonging to the Desktop and Developer User Interfaces. It appears that, if all content is formatted properly, there should be no issues with online documents. Be sure to learn accessibility settings and formatting to use the product and be aware about possible issues a few users may run into below.

Recommendation (See [term definitions](#)): **Use workarounds and accessibility features**

Workarounds and Compliant Use Options

In order to maintain WCAG compliance, we recommend the following:

The only “Does Not Support” regards some non-text content where text alternatives are not provided. This is in the Desktop and Developer User Interfaces. Some people may have trouble using these and may require extra assistance. It may also be helpful to contact IBM to find out exactly which items are not compliant to provide workarounds for students.

Desktop and Developer User Interfaces contain text and images of text which fall below required contrast ratio, meaning some users may not see the text. Be aware of text that is not compliant in order to assist users.

Desktop and Developer User Interfaces may lose content or functionality when resized up to 200 percent, meaning some users may experience problems when expanding their view. Be aware that some users may experience different functionality.

Desktop and Developer User Interfaces have some images where text does not convey the information, such as images of text. This is related to the first issue above.

Recommendation term definitions

- **Recommend find alternative:** The VPAT reveals accessibility gaps that are so numerous or severe that the application would be difficult or impossible to be used in a compliant manner.
- **Use cautiously with workarounds:** Minor accessibility gaps may be present but are limited to certain features. Avoiding using those features or modifying use of the application may help maintain compliance.
- **Use workarounds and accessibility features:** Minor accessibility gaps may be present but are limited to certain features. Avoiding using those features or modifying use of the application may help maintain compliance. Tool must be configured properly for compliance or contains accessibility features that must be used correctly to ensure compliant product.
- **Use accessibility features:** Tool must be configured properly for compliance or contains accessibility features that must be used correctly to ensure compliant product.
- **No concerns. Application is ready:** The tool has no accessibility concerns and should produce accessible content with minimal effort.